

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING NOVEMBER 29, 2005

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met November 29, 2005, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the November 15th meeting
2. Accept and place on file the office report from the Hall County Clerk
3. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's miscellaneous receipts
4. Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT

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TITLE FEES STATE	\$ 13,149.25
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 6,804.75
RECORDING FEES	\$ 5.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 375.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 20.45
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	\$ 63.00
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 140.00
PROTEST COPIES	\$ 0
TIME CARD FEES	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 20,557.45

Lancaster introduced Michael Olsen, the new executive Director of the Hall County Airport. Mr. Olsen stated that he is honored to serve the Hall County Airport Authority and he is looking forward to forming partnerships with the community leaders. He stated that he previously worked at the Fort Wayne International Airport.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – ATTORNEY GENERAL RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO USE COUNTY FUNDS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF – Michelle Oldham was present and stated that she received a letter from Matt McNair regarding the request for an attorney general's opinion on the hurricane relief. The letter stated that they would not issue an opinion but it is their belief that there is no statutory authority to do so.

2b AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN RESOLUTION REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR LYMAN RICHEY – Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that the public hearing for the permit was held November 1st and the permit was approved but there was not a resolution prepared. The board needs to approve the resolution.

Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #05-0059 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR LYMAN RICHEY CORPORATION. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR AMICK ACRES EAST - Public Works Director Casey Sherlock was present. This is the resolution for the snow removal for Amick Acres East. Jeffries stated that the committee did not discuss this specific one but it is one of several. Mr. Sherlock stated that this is the first one this year. Discussion was held if there should be a resolution for all of the snow removal agreements even the agreements with the schools.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve RESOLUTION #05-0060 FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR AMICK ACRES EAST. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5c DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – This certification form is submitted to determine incentive payment for highway funds. Mr. Sherlock stated that the county will be eligible for partial payment for January to July because Dan Hostler was a licensed superintendent. Discussion was held if Marsha Medbery had been appointed and she was not.

Jeffries stated that the committee discussed this and there was concern that the county would not receive any funding but it will be prorated for the months that there was a superintendent. Discussion was held to see if the county could appeal to the state for the funds.

Lancaster stated if there is an avenue to appeal they should look at it. Arnold stated that at first they thought they would not receive any funding but the county will be able to receive half of it. If some one were appointed today the county would receive additional dollars. Discussion was held that Marsha Medbery does have a license and could be appointed. Hartman questioned if she would even agree to do it.

Jeffries stated they he would like to send a letter to the state questioning why the County cannot receive the funds. Jeffries directed Casey Sherlock to send a letter to the state questioning why the County cannot receive the funding.

Hartman questioned Mr. Sherlock that if Marsha Medbery does not accept the appointment if he would be able to get this license. Mr. Sherlock stated that he would get his license in March. Mr. Sherlock suggested that the county could look at hiring a consultant firm until March that would have a license. He also suggested that the county could look at hiring an engineer. Jeffries stated that he would like to take this to the committee and come back with a recommendation.

5d DISCUSS AND SET HOURLY RATE FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR SERVICES – Mr. Sherlock stated that a County Surveyor may be called upon to do a survey and there needs to be an hourly rate set by the board for these services.

Jeffries stated that the committee needs to discuss this issue. This will be referred to the public works committee for discussion.

6 APPROVAL OF PLAN OF FINANCE REGARDING HALL COUNTY JAIL BONDS – Lancaster stated that the county has worked with Kirkpatrick Pettis for two years and did not need a signed agreement but this needs to be completed now. She stated that some time this week the county should receive plans from the architect. They will also provide an agreement for the committee and the attorney to review and then the board will need to approve it. In that agreement there is a schedule of payments. The bond counsel will figure out how to sell the bonds to fit the county's needs.

7 UPDATE DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPLAINT FILED WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL – It is necessary to prepare a general response to this complaint. This needs to be sent to the Attorney General and to Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Now it will be necessary to work with outside counsel to prepare the cover letter and complete the response.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to send the general response and work with outside counsel to prepare the cover letter to send to the Attorney General and to Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Hartman abstained from the vote.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ELECTION WORKER CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and special election worker claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a board of equalization meeting.

Held a break for a public works committee meeting

10:00 a.m. Returned to regular session.

10:00 A.M. BID OPENING BRIDGE MATERIAL FOR PROJECT C40(334) - Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to open the bids for the bridge materials. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The following bids were read:

CONTRACTOR	Bid Section "A" Concrete Slabs	Bid Section "B" Steel Piling	Bid Section "C" Misc. Steel	TOTAL BID OF ALL PROJECTS (IF TIED)
Husker Steel	\$58,562.00	\$34,477.60	\$32,243.00	125,282.60, TIED
Midwest Service & Sales	NO BID	\$36,644.83	\$29,713.61	66,358.44, Not Tied
Rinker Materials	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The public works committee met regarding the discussion on setting the hourly rate for the County Surveyor and the committee agreed to not take any action. They have some questions that will require research and this will be addressed at a later date.

PANDEMIC PRESENTATION BY CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Executive Health Department Director Theresa Anderson and Assistant Director Ryan King were present. Ms. Anderson provided information to the board members to bring them up to date on the pandemic flu and the possible board action that will be required at a later date.

A pandemic flu is a worldwide outbreak of disease caused by a new flu virus. Ms. Anderson noted the 1918-19 Spanish flu, 1957-68 Asian flu and 1968-69 Hong Kong flu were viruses containing a combination of genes from a human flu virus and bird flu virus that caused a pandemic flu outbreak. Now if bird or avian flu becomes transmissible to humans it may be a strain with pandemic potential. Vaccines are usually not available in the early stages of a pandemic and it takes time to develop a vaccine and make it available. There are antiviral medications but sometimes flu viruses can become resistant to the drugs.

There are concerns that it is only a matter of time until the next flu pandemic so it is important to stay informed. It is necessary to address quarantine and isolation policies and clarify who the county quarantine officer would be. Health and Human Services is recommending that the health department have the authority to declare quarantine.

Ryan King is presently working with HHS on what is to be done locally and he provided the board with a draft copy of the regulations as per Nebraska Rev. Statutes 71-501 and 71-1626. He is requesting that the county review this document and they will be asked to approve it at a later date. This will be presented to each of the counties, law enforcement and the county attorney for their review and revisions. Open meetings will be held and it will need to be approved by the State, Counties and City.

Eriksen stated that the draft proposes that the Health Department would have the role of the public health authority and the quarantine officer will be defined. Mr. Anderson stated that they are meeting with the county attorney and law enforcement. The board thanked Ms. Anderson for coming.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – Mr. Sherlock reviewed the bids and reported that the numbers are correct. He is recommending to accept the bid from Husker Steel. Their bid was tied so there will be one party responsible for the entire project.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to accept the bid from Husker Steel for Project C40 (334) in the amount of \$125,282.60 and authorize the Chair to sign the contracts. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT – Hartman – no report

Humiston – No report

Eriksen – He attended the South Central Economic Development meeting and they have hired a new director and will be moving forward.

Rye – He attended the library board meeting and they will be holding the ground breaking ceremony November 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Jeffries – The building & grounds/park committee is working on the job description for a new director and when it is approved they will advertise for the position. They also discussed the wages and they will come back with a range. They also met with the NRD and the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the project at the park. Chuck Kaufman sat in on the meeting. They still have concerns on the slope on the roads because it will be too steep to mow. Grass will be planted and they do not have a choice on what is planted. The county did purchase some wildflower seeds to mix in with the grass. The park also spent \$5,000.00 to correct the turning areas for the campers. He also reported that the park house will be rented to Josh Ellis and they are working out the details. He also stated that he saw Rick Stepanek from building and grounds getting the snow blowers ready on Sunday. County Government Day was also postponed because of the storm. He stated that Skagway had agreed to provide the donuts for County Government Day.

Arnold – He attended a computer committee meeting and they are working on the internet use policy that will be patterned after the federal justice department policy.

Lancaster – She stated that they have been working with the architects and the agreement with Kirkpatrick Pettis regarding the bonds was approved. She also mentioned that Hall County Park has the Christmas decorations up and they are also up on the Court House and Administration Building. She also expressed concern on some company policies to remove "Christmas" from their ads.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. the next meeting will be December 13, 2005.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk